

Port Security Grant Program

Total Funding Available in FY 2010: \$15,949,462 (Shared among New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware)

Purpose: The purpose of the FY 2010 PSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce. The PSGP provides grant funding to port areas for the protection of critical port infrastructure from terrorism. The PSGP funds are primarily intended to assist ports in enhancing maritime domain awareness; enhancing risk management capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from attacks involving improvised explosive devices (IEDs), Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE), and other non-conventional weapons; providing training and exercises; and Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) implementation.

Eligible Applicants: Seven port areas have been selected as Group I (highest risk) and forty-eight port areas have been selected as Group II. Ports not identified in Group I or II are eligible to apply as a Group III or "All Other Port Areas" applicant. There is no designated Ferry appropriation. Ferry Systems in Group I and II can apply through the designated Fiduciary Agent (FA). All other Ferry Systems should apply with the Group III and "All Other Port Areas." "All Other Port Areas" within Group I, II or III are allowed to receive grant funds from their geographically proximate higher group if the project has regional impact across the entire port area, but not from both funding groups for the same project.

Program Awards: Each Group I and Group II port area has been designated a specific amount of money based upon the FY 2010 risk analysis. Group III and "All Other Port Areas" will compete for the funding identified in their corresponding group. Those port areas newly identified as Group I or II will have the option of selecting a Fiduciary Agent (FA) and beginning the FA process, or opting out of the FA process. If opting out of the FA process, individual eligible entities will apply directly to FEMA for funding within the Group they originally resided.